

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY
ASSOCIATES, LLC, TELEPHONE
CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
LITIGATION,

Civil No. 11-md-2295-JAH (BGS)

**NOTICE AND ORDER
CONVERTING
SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE**

On May 3, 2013, the Court conferred with Plaintiffs' Interim Co-Class Counsel, Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, and Defendants' Counsel. After conferring with counsel, the Court finds it appropriate to convert the Settlement Conference scheduled for May 8, 2013, in the above-captioned putative consolidated class action from an in person conference to a telephonic conference. Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. A Settlement Conference shall be conducted on May 8, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. before Magistrate Judge Bernard G. Skomal. The conference shall be telephonic. The only attorneys who shall be a part of the conference are Interim Co-class Counsel, Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, and counsel for the Defendants. **Counsel for individual actions are not required nor expected to join the call.** Counsel for Plaintiffs shall coordinate and initiate the conference call. When all call participants are on the phone please call (619) 557-2993

1 to reach chambers.

2 2. The principal attorneys responsible for the litigation must be on the call and
3 legally and factually prepared to discuss and resolve the case at the Settlement Conference.
4 Defendants' party representative(s) with full and unlimited authority to negotiate and enter
5 into a binding settlement are also to be available by phone. Retained outside corporate
6 counsel shall not appear on behalf of a corporation as the party who has the authority to
7 negotiate and enter into a settlement. Availability of Plaintiffs is also not required.

8 3. Counsel should be prepared to discuss exchanging informal discovery regarding
9 matters necessary for settlement discussions, including but not limited to discovery relating
10 to class size. Counsel should also be prepared to discuss possible dates for future, in person
11 settlement conferences.

12 Failure to attend the conference or obtain proper excuse will be considered
13 grounds for sanctions.

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15 Dated: May 3, 2013

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17 **BERNARD G. SKOMAL**
18 United States Magistrate Judge
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